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April 22, 1998

CALFED Bay-Delta Program
 Attention: Rick Breitenbach
 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Breitenbach:

The Olivenhain Municipal Water District's Board of Directors has taken a position regarding the CALFED EIR/EIS. The Board of Directors has considered the three alternatives offered in the Draft Report. The District's Directors are fully conscious of the fact that consensus is the ultimate goal and that getting there will not be easy.

Olivenhain's Directors wishes to express to all of the stakeholders that all of us in California must strive to find ways to solve the Delta and California's water problems collectively. With that spirit in mind, the Board has directed the staff to advise you of Olivenhain's support for Alternative 3, because it provides the most solutions to the most stakeholders.

The Board of Directors is mindful that the idea of an isolated facility creates an emotional concern connected with the peripheral canal. Olivenhain's Board, however, believes wholeheartedly that important institutional and operational issues can be guaranteed so that stakeholders shall be assured that Alternative 3 can be the best solution.

Alternatives 1 and 2 seem to provided too little too late, and while they may represent a greater compromise, they really appear to be watered down solutions to reach a politically acceptable deal versus real improvement and solution to the Delta issues.

The Board of Directors also believes a significant reduction of fish impacts can be achieved with Alternative 3. Alternative 3 will provide improved export water quality, reduce the threat of water supply shortfalls because of seismic events in and around the Delta, and provide the most operational flexibility.

All Californians are effectively Bay-Delta stakeholders and must work diligently to assure the operation of the Delta to improve environment, improve water quality, and improve the long-term reliability by reducing its seismic threat.

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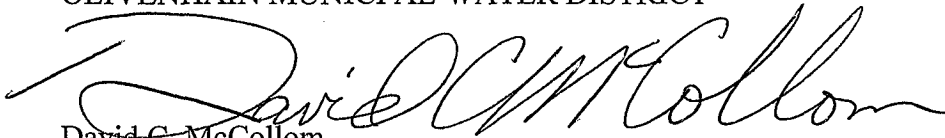
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Please include our letter as a response from the Olivenhain Municipal Water District to the Draft EIR/EIS. If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David C. McCollom". The signature is written over the printed name and title.

David C. McCollom
General Manager

cc: Board of Directors, OMWD
Maureen Stapleton, General Manager, San Diego County Water Authority

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